

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to papers filed 20 Aug. 2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-62.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 21 August 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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Interview Summary

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Robert A. Voigt, Jr. (Reg. No. 47,159) on Monday, April 05, 2004, it was agreed the application is subject to restriction/election requirement. Two groups were proposed, namely, Group I consisting of claims 1 – 62 and directed to “monitoring and locating an object” and Group II consisting of claims 63 – 65 directed to “a system a monitored unit/device attached to an object.” Mr. Voigt has elected, without traverse, Group I (claims 1 – 62). Claims 63 – 65 are therefore withdrawn from further consideration. Claims 63 – 65 are further canceled by Examiner’s Amendment (see below) as directed to non-elected subject matter to advance prosecution of the Application (as remaining claims 1 – 62 are allowed as indicated below).

Examiner’s Amendment

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 63 – 65 have been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 – 62 are allowed. The following is a statement of reasons for such an indication.

The prior art of record fail to suggest monitoring and locating an object/monitored unit comprising, among other limitations, *transmitting a seed of an algorithm to the*

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*monitored object/unit if an identification associated with a first packet of data is valid” and measuring a signal strength of a second packet of data if the **second packet of data was received at an expected frequency from the monitored object/unit.***

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Clark (US 6,459,888 B1) teaches a method of estimating carrier frequency in a digital mobile communications system through multiple hypotheses performed on the received signal and Billström et al. (US 5,590,133) teaches apparatuses and mobile stations for providing packet data communication in digital TDMA cellular systems.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yonel Beaulieu whose telephone number is (703) 305-4072. The examiner can normally be reached on M-R, from 0900-1600.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas BLACK can be reached on (703) 305-8233. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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